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Judge Nicholas's review of the late

opinion of Judge Swayne is incomparably

the ablest discussion of the civil rights act

which has yet appeared. Long as it is,

no thoughtful citizen who takes it up will

lay it down until he has read the whole of it.

The Kentucky Legislature meets

today. We rejoice to know that it is as

able a Legislature as has ever assembled

in the history of the State. We repeatedly

urge before the election that the very first

men of Kentucky, in respect to intellect

and patriotism, should be elected, and it

was done. We believe that we have a

General Assembly competent to grapple

with any difficulties that may arise in

these troubled and stormy times.

It seems to us that the action of

Congress during the present session may

render it the duty of our Legislature to

take into grave consideration the subject

of Federal affairs and to adopt such

measures as may be legitimate for the

protection of the interests, the dignity, and

the rights of the State. The Legislature,

we have no doubt, will be resolute but not

factious. It will, so far as its authority and

power extend, maintain rights, but attack

neither.

There may be some negro questions

that require consideration if not action.

The subject of the negro is one if regard

to which our people, though they appreciate

its full importance, are not excited.

They would have everything in relation to

it, that may seem necessary to be done,

done dispassionately. They want to be

protected themselves, and they want the

negro protected. They would accord to

him everything necessary to his safety

and his welfare in his altered condition,

and they would also have their own safety

and welfare consulted and maintained.

They would grant to him whatever is con-

sistent with the good of the State and

nothing more. The question of negro

testimony will probably come up, but we

hope that it will not be considered on any

figure. In our opinion, the Legislature

will best consult the interests and dignity

of the State, and even the prosperity of

the conservative cause in the Union at

large, by quietly shelving the question.

It seems to us that sound policy as well

as self-respect forbids the agitation of the

question in the Legislature.

We want a regular and judicious sys-

tem of internal improvements in the

State—either such a system or none at

all. In past years, there has been much

wasteful expenditure upon small and in-

significant schemes. The grand re-

sources of Kentucky need to be de-

veloped upon an adequate scale under the

management of men qualified to execute such

enterprises. State aid, with proper reg-

ulations and restrictions, should be given

freely and generously to railroads mak-

ing such connections as will insure the

promotion of the general prosperity.

The whole school system needs re-

organization and liberal encouragement.

It has languished for years, although the

Superintendent has unquestionably la-

boried diligently and done his duty. There

are men in our State, and the

present able Superintendent, is one

of the most enlightened advice upon this

subject, and we confidently appeal to the

Legislature to avail itself of all the wis-

dom that it shall find available. A State,

without the general education of its

youth, can never become what a State

should be. Education is the cheapest and

most effective of all possible guards

against demoralization and crime.

Immigration should by all means be en-

GENERAL SHERMAN—We see that some

of the papers of Kentucky and of the

Southern States are bitter against General

Sherman on account of a sentence in his

speech a few weeks ago at St. Louis.

After having spoken as a true and high-

hearted statesman in relation to the

affairs of the country and the great duties

of the time, he referred, in a single re-

mark, to the rebellion as "infernal." We

do not think he ought to have used the

expression. We regret that he did use it.

In our opinion, all language calculated to

exasperate or wound a late foe, now no

longer a foe, is ill-judged. All harsh

words toward a people suffering terribly

under the weight of calamity and uncer-

tainly seeking restoration upon just con-

ditions tend to further harmony and brother-

hood with those against whom they fought with

a chivalry never surpassed by mortals, than

should be avoided, especially by distin-

guished men. The tendency of all such

words is entirely evil.

At the same time, those papers which

speak bitterly of General Sherman for

his efforts at St. Louis should remember that

men have occasionally used epithets of

equal severity in respect to the Northern

cause in the war. If their employment of

such epithets and their frequent glorifica-

tion of the South over the North did not

provoke the severe epigrams of General

Sherman, the tendency certainly was to

provoke the epigrams of General Sher-

man's fiery tongue. General Sherman

is expected to endure patiently denuncia-

tions of himself and of the cause to which

he gave the four greatest years of his

life. Moreover it should be borne in

mind that at St. Louis he was address-

ing not an ordinary assembly, but a

meeting of the officers and soldiers of the

heroic army that he commanded in the

war, and that the army of the Cumberland.

It devolved upon him to speak of the

cause in which they had fought. It

was to be expected that he would

would award to them all the com-

mendation that in his opinion their

would authorize and justify. He knew,

and his hearers knew, that, in the re-

bellion, one side or the other was wrong,

terribly wrong. He and they knew, that

the rebellion was right, those who

would defend it were guilty of a terrible

wrong, and that, if the rebellion was not

right, it was itself a terrible wrong.

The vindication of himself and his old com-

rades, who were hanging upon his elo-

quent lips, naturally led to the rebellion's

condemnation, and, although we are sorry

that he used a word that we think should

not on account have been used, there was

nothing in his manner or occasion to in-

duce, to excuse, and to palliate.

And now let those persons that so ve-

hemously denounce Gen. Sherman for an

expression in his St. Louis speech, mark

the letter and scan the spirit of the whole

speech, and judge him by that standard.

If they do so, their judgment must be

wholly and strongly in his favor. He is

thoroughly and earnestly conservative.

He is a conservative of the boldest order

of conservatives. We all remember what

liberal and noble terms he negotiated with

Gen. Johnston at the surrender of the

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of the currency by so much as a

dollar. In short, he is in favor of faith-

fully paying the public debt according to

the terms on which it was contracted. He

is not a repudiator of paper or virtual.

But whoever would do more is.

(For the Louisville Journal.)

A REVIEW

OF JUDGE SWAYNE'S OPINION IN THE

CASE OF THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE

COURT OF APPEALS.

BY S. S. NICHOLS.

The "civil rights act" assumes power in

